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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: ALLEGATIONS PRIME MINISTER'S WIFE ARRESTED.

1.LOCAL NEWSPAPER HAS PUBLISHED REPORT THAT A "NEPALI GIRL WITH CLOSE ASSOCIATIONS WITH HIGH AND INFLUENTIAL PERSONS IN NEPAL" WAS RECENTLY CAUGHT AT FRANKFURT AIRPORT SMUGGLING HASHISH. STORY NOTES THAT SAME PERSON WAS REPORTED HAVING BEEN CAUGHT IN BANGKOK SMUGGLING HASHISH AND AS RESULT "INTERPOL HAS LISTED HER NAME AS SECOND TOP DOPE SMUGGLER FROM NEPAL."

2. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT STORY REFERS TO SARA YONSON, AKA GIRI, WIFE OF PRIME MINISTER TULSI GIRI. ALTHOUGH RUMOR CIRCULATED LAST YEAR SHE HAD BEEN STOPPED IN BANGKOK, THIS IS FIRST REFERENCE WE HAVE SEEN TO ARREST IN GERMANY. NEWSPAPER NOTES THAT AFTER HER IDENTITY WAS DETERMINED SHE WAS RELEASED BY GERMAN AUTHORITIES "IN INTEREST OF NEPALI-GERMAN RELATIONS." CAN DEA CONFIRM REPORTED ARREST? SUCH A BLATANT NEWS ATTACK IS UNUSUAL AND EDITORS MUST KNOW THEY RISK CLOSING
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OF PAPER (AT THE LEAST) UNLESS STORY HAS SOME BASIS IN FACT. WOULD APPECIATE ANY INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO ADDRESSEE AND INFO POSTS.
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